The terms of reference of the Committee:-

(a) to advise the Central and State Governments from time to time on the policy, legislative and administrative measures necessary for removing economic and social inequalities affecting Indian women and to suggest ways and means to enable women to achieve their inherent potential and utilise their capacity to entribute to the development process; and

(b) to review the progress of implementation of policies and programmes designed in pursuance thereof.

Software as a Literary Work

3003. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether software is recognised as a literary work under the Copyright Act;

(b) whether the Government propose to amend the Copyright Act to check software piracy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps proposed to be taken to combat software piracy effectively?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). Computer programmes are protected as literary works under the Copyright Act, 1957. Government are considering amendments to improve the provisions relating to computer programmes and also to strengthen enforcement of the Act both generally and also specifically with reference to computer programmes.

Recently a Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council has been established on which the computer software industry is also represented. The Council will advise the Government on measures to improve enforcement of the Copyright Act.

[*Translation*]

International Civil Aviation Organisation held at Montreal

3004. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 28th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviaton Organisation was held in Montreal in 1990;

(b) if so, the number of countries whose representatives participated in it; and

(c) the details of the main issues raised by the Indian representatives in it?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The 28th Session (Extraordinary) of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation was held in Montreal from 22.10.1990 to 26.10.1990. It was attended by delegations of 114 member countries apart from 14 Observer delegations.

(c) The Indian Delegation spoke on the following issues:—

(i) Raising the membership of the Council of ICAO from 33 to 36.

(ii) Policy regarding integrated approach to the Problem of aircraft noise.

(iii) Increase in the budget of ICAO for the triennium 1990, 1991 and 1992 resulting from economic factors such as inflation, and actual increases in costs, exchange rate variations and decisions of the United Nations General Assembly with respect to salaries and pensions.

[*English*]

Link Trains between Samalkot and Kakinada

3005. DR. K.V.R.CHOWDARY:Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce link trains from Samalkot to Kakinada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;